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Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao :—" Will not the appointment of a Vice-Principal serve the purpose as the present Personal Assistant is not either technically or commercially qualified for the purpose?"

The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi :—" It is a question mainly of administration and one who has had Secretariat experience has been posted as Personal Assistant because it is mostly administrative matter that he will have to deal with."

Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao :—" May I know, Sir, whether there have been proposals pending before the Government for the reorganization of this school?"

The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi :—" The Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee has made suggestions regarding reorganization. These are being examined and the policy regarding this school will be determined later."

Dr. V. K. John :—" How long will the examination take?"

The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi :—" As long as it is necessary." (Laughter.)

Private tuitions undertaken by teachers.

* 116 *Q.*—Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rules governing teachers who undertake private tuition are; and

(*b*) whether the Government have altered the rules since, and if so, what the altered rules are?

The Hon. Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar :—

" (*a*) The undertaking of private tuition by teachers in Government schools is governed by subsidiary rule (6) of Fundamental Rules 46 and 47; and by teachers in schools under local bodies by rule 6 (3) (*i*) of the rules relating to the personal conduct of officers and servants of local bodies. In the case of teachers in aided secondary schools, it is governed by the agreement entered into by the teachers with the management. There is no rule governing the undertaking of private tuition by teachers in aided elementary schools.

" (*b*) No. The question of introducing reform in the matter is under consideration."

Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao :—" Sir, in view of the prevailing distress among the teachers owing to increased cost of living and inadequate emoluments, will the Government consider the desirability of deferring the enforcement of the prohibition of private tuition?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar :—

" I may say even under the proposals that have been referred for opinion to educational bodies, there is no ban on

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private tuition, but it is only an attempt to regulate private tuition in such a way that it may not be abused as it has been done in certain cases to-day."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of permitting two private tuitions at least for each private teacher in order to enable them to supplement their meagre salaries?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It is already permitted in local bodies; but the unfortunate thing is that in many cases, it has not been restrained and cases have come to our notice where teachers have had something like sixty private tuitions, and when they come to the school, they come dead tired, and they come to school only to take rest. Several such cases have happened and they have made it necessary for the Government to go into the matter, so that they may have legitimate private tuition but the work of the schools may not on that account suffer."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" If a teacher came to school without food, he might also be dead tired?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir; we are trying to pay them salaries which as far as possible are consistent with the work they are expected to do."

The medium of instruction in Educational Institutions.

* 117 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of India have communicated their resolution defining their policy regarding the medium of instruction in educational institutions;

(b) whether the resolution commends the principle that a child should be instructed in the early stage of his education through the medium of the mother-tongue; and

(c) whether in view of the decision of the Government of India, the Government will substitute mother-tongue wherever regional language occurs in their orders?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes; but the resolution itself points out that it is subject to certain administrative conveniences.

" (c) The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that there is a great deal of criticism against the policy of the Government in using the words " regional language," will the Hon. Minister consider it desirable to use the words " mother-tongue " as the Government of India themselves seem to have recommended the use of the words " mother-tongue?"